DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): (*a*) No; but the situation has improved considerably during the period from 1114 onwards.

(*b*) No death has been reported as having been due to Malaria.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: മരണം നിശ്ശേഷം ഇല്ലാതെയായതു എന്നു മുതൽക്കാണ് ?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: ഒന്നരക്കൊല്ലമായി.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: മന്നാൻ കണ്ടത്തിൽ മലംപനി ഉണ്ടെന്ന് മി. തരിയത്തു കുഞ്ഞിത്തൊമ്മൻ ഇവിടെ പ്രസ്താവിക്കയുണ്ടായല്ലൊ. അതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു എന്തെങ്കിലും അന്വേഷണം നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടൊ ?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: അതു് ഇതിന്റെ ഉപചോദ്യമല്ല.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): എവിടെ എങ്കിലും മലമ്പനി ബാധിച്ചു മരണമുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടൊ ?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: മന്നാൻകണ്ടത്തിൽ മലംപനി പിടിപെട്ടു് മരണമുണ്ടായതായി റിപ്പോർട്ടുണ്ടു്.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: എത്ര മരണം സംഭവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: അതു് ഇപ്പോൾ പറയുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

The Cold Storage Plant.

321. *MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the capital investment on the Cold Storage;

(*b*) the loss sustained, if any, by running the Storage by the Fisheries Department; and

(*c*) the loss or gain, if any, under the present arrangement?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: (*a*) Rs. 22,344.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) Whether there is a gain or not can be ascertained only when the balance sheet is prepared at the close of the year.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Karthilapalli*): May I know whether the Cold Storage Plant is run under a debt Head account.

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: For the present, it is being worked as an experimental measure on a debt head basis.

Working of the Debt Relief Act.

322. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of debtors who paid the first instalment of their debts (under the Debt Relief Act) before the 21st Edavom 1116, and the total amount of the payments so made?

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MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): Number of debtors who paid the first instalment of debts 51,575

	Rs.	Chs.	C.
Total amount of the payments made	14,48,236	22	6

Working of the Debt Relief Act in the District Courts.

323. ❋ **MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Mavelikara cum Kunnathur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of petitions filed under Section 9 of the Debt Relief Act (Acts II and III of 1116) in each of the District Courts in the State;

(*b*) the number of petitions filed under Sections 13 and 16 of the above Acts in each of the District Courts in the State; and

(*c*) the number of petitions filed under Sections 9, 13 and 16 of the Act II of 1116 as amended by Act III of 1116 after the 31st of Kumbhom and before the 21st of Edavom during 1116 M. E. in each of the District Courts?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*) A *statement showing the information required is laid on the table.

Sea fishing and Churches.

324. ❋**MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is compulsory that the sea fisherman should give 1/18th of his catches daily to the Church in the village, and the Church collect the same by leasing out the right in the village to contractors by auction annually; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the amount annually realised by the various Churches along the coast by selling the right during the years 1114, 1115 and 1116?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: (*a*) Government have no definite information though statements relating to the collection by priests of a portion of the catches have been made in various communications.

(*b*) Government have no information.

MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU: ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് അന്വേഷിക്കാൻ മേലുണ്ടാകുമോ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: If complaints are received, enquiries can be made.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): May I know whether this practice is prevalent throughout the whole coastal area of the State or in only some parts?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Sir, the allegation is that certain portions of the catches are given for the church by the fishermen. Where the practice prevails and among whom has to be ascertained.

PRESIDENT: It is apparently a voluntary payment by the fisher folk. The fish goes to the church as some presentation to the Parson, as they say.

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